

O·C·T·O·B·E·R **Messenger 2025**

Living the Words of Jesus in Love and Hope

One of the great gifts of following Jesus is that His words are not meant to be admired from a distance, they are meant to be lived. In His parables and in His teaching, Jesus points us again and again toward a life marked by mercy, compassion, and love for our neighbors. At Calvary, we do not just hear those words; we put them into action.

On Mission Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate the many ways our congregation is living as the hands and feet of Christ. During worship, we will commission our Volunteer in Mission Team as they prepare to travel to Ashe County, North Carolina, where families are still rebuilding after last year's devastating hurricane and flooding. This is sacred work, a visible sign of God's love in the midst of hardship and loss.

We will also celebrate the powerful ministry of our youth. This past summer, a team of young people and adults served at Henderson Settlement in Kentucky, rolling up their sleeves and pouring their hearts into helping families in need. Their laughter, sweat, and prayers left a mark on the community, and on them. They returned changed, carrying home a deeper understanding of what it means to serve "the least of these."

And the work continues here at home. Through our Sleep in Heavenly Peace partnership, Calvary members are helping ensure that every child in our community has a safe place to rest. From building bed frames to collecting bedding supplies, you are living witnesses of Christ's call to love our neighbors in practical, life-changing ways.



On Mission Sunday, we will hold an abbreviated worship service to celebrate all this amazing work, and then move right into a Rise Against Hunger packing event for all ages. This hands-on mission opportunity will allow us to pack thousands of meals for families in need around the world.

Whether you are young or old, this is a mission experience where everyone can participate, side by side, making a difference.

These are just a few of the ways we, as a church family, are living the words of Jesus in loving and hoping. Each act of service, whether building a bed, carrying a tool, packing a meal, or offering a prayer, is a glimpse of the kingdom of God breaking into our world.

As we gather for Mission Sunday, let us give thanks for these opportunities, and let us pray that Christ will continue to use us, as individuals and as a congregation, to share His love, bring His hope, and shine His light.



October Worship Schedule

October 5	Mission Sunday
October 12	Final Words Communion Scripture: John 13:1-17, 34-35
October 19	The Resurrection and the Life Scripture: John 11:25-26; 1 and Corinthians 15:20-22
October 26	Laity Sunday David Cline~ Preaching

New Members Class- Sunday, Oct. 19

Those interested in joining Calvary UMC or learning more about following Christ are invited to a class at 11:15 a.m. in the John Wesley Room, led by Rev. Dr. Hutton. The session will cover the church's history, purpose, and growing in faith. We will receive our New Members on Sunday, November 9.



Listening, Learning, & Looking Ahead

Dear Calvary Family,

Over the past month, we shared in three Listening Sessions together as part of our ongoing discernment about Calvary becoming a Reconciling Congregation. These gatherings were marked by honesty, care, and a sincere desire to hear one another. I am so grateful for the spirit in which you entered into these conversations, bringing your questions, your convictions, and your hearts. It is a gift to serve in a community where we can talk openly and prayerfully about important matters of faith.

No matter where you stand on these issues, I will ensure that Calvary will always be a place that welcomes, affirms, and loves all people. Just like in any family system, we may not always agree on everything, but we all belong at the same table. And at that table, we are called to love one another as Christ first loved us.

As we step into October, the listening does not end. Both Rev. Vicky Starnes, members of the Reconciling Ministries Team, and I remain open to meeting with any groups or individuals who are still discerning. This is holy work, and no one walks it alone.

The next step in this journey will be a congregational vote in December. Together, as professing members of Calvary, you will prayerfully decide whether to take the step of becoming a Reconciling Congregation, publicly affirming that LGBTQIA+ individuals are not only welcome here, but embraced, affirmed, without exception, in this community of faith.

How the vote will take place:

- Ballots will be available for each professing member of the congregation to prayerfully complete before or after worship on Sunday, December 7 and Sunday, December 14 in the Parish Hall.
- For those who cannot attend either Sunday, ballots may be cast in the church office during the week of December 8-12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- To ensure fairness and transparency, all votes will be counted by our Finance Team.

These weeks of discernment have already borne good fruit, moments of listening, deeper understanding, and a renewed commitment to walk in grace together. As we move forward, may we keep Christ's love at the center of all we do, remembering Paul's prayer in Philippians:

"That your love may overflow more and more in knowledge and depth of insight... to the glory and praise of God."

With gratitude and hope for the journey ahead,
Dr. Hutton

Children's Ministry News



Children's Sunday School

Every Sunday Morning from 9:00 – 9:45 am

Ages Preschool 3's – 5th Grade

Please join us for Children's Sunday School! If you are new to Calvary's Sunday School program, WELCOME! Please register by filling out this form: <https://calvaryfrederick.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/116/responses/new>



"Joyful Voices"

Choir for Kids of All Ages

Practices will be on Sundays at

11:15 am

following the Service in the Choir Room



Children's Church is for age's **Preschool 4-year-olds – 5th Graders** and takes place in our beautiful **Chapel** during the 10:00 Worship Service immediately following *Family Time*. Please join us!

Children's Church is a mini-service where children can take part in the service on a smaller scale. There is a focus on traditional aspects of worship, including offering, reading scripture, singing hymns, reciting prayers and completing a special children's bulletin. Children take turns in the roles of acolytes, scripture readers, ushers, and even a pastor!

Children's Church encourages participation and strengthens children's understanding of worship to prepare them for participating in the church service in the sanctuary when they begin Middle School. Children younger than 4 may continue down the hall to the Nursery during the service. We ask that children who are in 6th grade – 12th grade remain in the church service as active listeners and participants! Thank you!

Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook-Off!



Saturday, October 25 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Prizes will be awarded for the best trunks, the most delicious chili, and the spookiest dessert! Look for sign up information in the October Newsletter!

Be sure to indicate in your Sign Up:

- How many people will be attending? 😊
- Will your family be decorating a vehicle trunk/passing out candy? 😊
- Will you be bringing your family's best Chili recipe? 😊
- Will you be bringing a Spooky Dessert to share? 😊

Our next **Veggie Tale Movie Night** of the new school year is happening on **Friday, November 7** from **6:00 – 7:15 pm** in the Activities Room! We will have pizza and snacks, a lively discussion, watch a movie, do a craft, color a picture and so much more! Please feel free to **bring a blanket** and **pillow** and **wear your pajamas!** 😊 Bring a friend to join us!



Please sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48352788-veggie>





Calling all agents! The next **Mission Possible Kids** meeting will be on **Sunday, November 23** from **5:30 – 7:00 pm** in the Activities Room! MPK is for kids in grades K-5 who want to make a difference in the lives of others and shine God's light in the world. We work hard and we have fun! 😊

Bring a canned food item to our next meeting! Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48584528-mission>

For more information about Calvary's Children's Ministry & Family Events, please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org.



CALVARY'S LIBRARY

THANKS TO THE INTEREST AND GENEROSITY OF MANY CALVARY MEMBERS, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE A RETURN TO HAVING A LIBRARY-NOW HOUSED IN THE FOYER OF THE JOHN WESLEY ROOM! YOU CAN'T MISS THE LIBRARY SIGN IN FRONT OF THE WESLEY ROOM. CURRENTLY THERE ARE 300+ FICTION AND NON-FICTION VOLUMES YOU CAN CHECK OUT AND ENJOY FOR A FOUR-WEEK PERIOD OF TIME. YOU CAN BROWSE THE COLLECTION EITHER BY 29 TOPICS FROM ACCOMPLISHING CHALLENGES TO WOMEN OF THE BIBLE-OR-ALPHABETICALLY BY BOOK TITLE. YOU CAN PLACE A RETURN OR DONATE A BOOK, PLACE ON THE CART IN THE HALL.

QUESTIONS: EMAIL SUSAN BAGGETTE AT SBAGGETTE@COMCAST.NET

WHY READ? 10 GOOD REASONS.

#1 READING IS FOOD FOR THE BRAIN. IT MAKES YOU SMARTER.



CALVARY'S YOUTH HOSTS

THE J RAY FRANK MEMORIAL



WALK FOR WASH

OCTOBER 12- 2PM

CALVARY UMC

PARISH HALL

**DONATE OR JOIN US FOR A 5K WALK
AROUND DOWNTOWN FREDERICK TO RAISE
FUNDS FOR THE UMC GLOBAL MINISTRIES
WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE
PROGRAM – WASH**

DONATE OR SIGN UP HERE:



DONATE OR SIGN UP BELOW

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QUESTIONS: CALVARYYOUTH@CALVARYUMC.ORG

Dear Members and Friends of Calvary UMC,

For many years, Calvary UMC has been involved in mission outreach projects at the national and local levels. Last year Pastor Steve asked the Missions and Outreach Committee to consider taking on a mission project with international scope. He provided examples of clean water projects in Africa and suggested a three-year commitment for monetary support. The committee liked this idea and decided to support a project sponsored by the UMC General Board of Global Ministries under its Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene program. This program is appropriately referred to with the acronym WASH.

The Global Ministries web site describes the overall WASH mission objective, which is to provide access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation and hygiene facilities that are often out of reach for billions of people worldwide. In collaboration with both United Methodist and ecumenical partners, Global Ministries increases access to clean and safe water; revitalizes sanitation facilities, shares knowledge on sanitation and waste management; and helps to reduce infection from preventable, water-borne diseases by enhancing the quality of care in local health facilities.

The Mission and Outreach committee decided to get started by contributing \$5,000 from our Missions Trust Fund to the WASH general program where it could be put to immediate use on those projects where funding is most needed. We also repurposed our annual CROP Walk last October to be a WASH Walk and raised an additional \$2,400 for WASH.

We hope that this outreach initiative will provide an opportunity for all Calvary UMC members and friends, including our young people, to become involved. It will require ongoing fundraising efforts, and we have come up with an idea that we hope will raise funds and remind us of how blessed we are to live in a nation where most of us have ready access to clean water and bathrooms in our homes, and health care facilities in our communities.

We are asking our members and friends to keep track of how often you use larger amounts of water at home for two weeks. Think of running the dishwasher or washing machine, taking a bath or shower, watering your lawn or garden, or washing your car. Don't count smaller uses like taking a drink of water, washing your hands, or flushing the toilet. Then consider making a small donation each time you use water in the above manner. We are providing a small water bucket you can display in your home as a reminder. You can either toss a coin in the bucket each time you use larger amounts of water, or you can mark the provided tally sheets (see attached) and add up your total use. How much you donate is entirely up to you. We'll ask everyone to bring in their contributions each Sunday and place them in a container in Fellowship Hall so we can track our fundraising progress. If you have any questions or would like more information about WASH, please contact Pat Herber or Dave Shickel.

Blessings,

Missions and Outreach Committee

WATER USE TALLY SLIP

Dates: From _____ To _____

Dishwasher _____

Washing Machine _____

Bath/Shower _____

Water Lawn/Garden _____

Wash Car _____

Other _____

Record how many times you use larger amounts
of water each day for a week!
Donate a small amount for each use.

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Mission and Outreach- Hearts and Hands in Service

Mission Sunday - October 5



Rise Against Hunger

The Rise Against Hunger Packing Event will take place on **Sunday, October 5**, at 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Again, this year, we will pack food for 10,000 meals to be distributed around the world targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. Hunger can affect health, education, and economies of any area, with particular impact on children. Almost half of all childhood deaths worldwide occur in children experiencing malnutrition. Your help will be needed to measure, weigh, and box the food packets. A light lunch will be served along with samples of the food we are packing. Plan to put on a hairnet with the rest of us to join in this rewarding event!

SHIP HOMELESS for the HOLIDAYS Looking for volunteers!

Please join us to support SHIP (Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership) and help wrap collection boxes in preparation for their Holiday campaign of collecting hygiene products for homeless, and at risk, Frederick County public school students.

Only a pair of scissors and a willing heart to help is needed!

We will be wrapping on Tuesday, October 28 from 12:30 to 3:30 in Frederick on Spectrum Drive.

Please reach out to Beth Stitley to sign up or if you have any questions.

Come help support an amazing organization while having a bunch of fun doing it!

Please contact Beth Stitley at Autumn.purple@hotmail.com or 301-730-8282

Mission Central Trip has been planned for Wednesday, November 12. The group will depart the Common Market parking lot at 10:30 a.m., if interested, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



Calling all knitters, crocheters, and yarn enthusiasts!

Join our vibrant community for a monthly gathering where love and stitches unite to create comforting prayer shawls and foster meaningful connections.

Consider joining us on **October 5** at 11:15 in the John Wesley Room, to enrich our prayer shawl

collection and connect with compassionate Calvary members while expanding our heartwarming ministry. We meet regularly on the 1st Sunday of the month following worship service. For more information, contact Jennie Davy: Jennieleee81@msn.com or 301-524-5842 (text or voice)

Calvary Community Concert Series Returns October 5, 2025

Ars Gratia Populi



A vocal ensemble founded in 2023 by All-Ireland Champion Kevin Elam, the group explores the interactions between art music and folk music in an a cappella setting. The name, Ars Gratia Populi, translated as "art for art's sake," represents their view that art derives its meaning not from itself but from the positive reaction it can create in the human mind and soul.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. ~ Concerts begin at 3:00 p.m.



We are planning a trip to the Strawbridge Shrine in New Windsor on **Wednesday October 8**, leaving church at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 2 p.m., Strawbridge is known as the Home of American Methodism. The Shrine and museum is the home of Robert and Elizabeth Strawbridge. Our tour includes the history of how the church spread into America, as well as the first Sunday school and first house of worship. The visitor's center has displays, artifacts, and video

presentations. Join us to see where the seeds of Methodism were planted and circuit riders spread The Word. After the tour, we will stop for lunch before returning to church. Contact Helen Sheppard at brucehelenshep@msn.com to reserve your seat on the church bus.

The Social Creed and Social Principles of the United Methodist Church

The Social Creed of the United Methodist Church

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sins in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We acknowledge the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of all people to work for the glory of God and i good of themselves and others and of the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic inequality and social distress. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen. (Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, 2025-2028, pp. 56-57)

This creedal statement establishes a scriptural understanding of the current *Social Principles* that in greater detail guide and challenge United Methodists *to engage and take action for peace and justice of God's world* within the context of four categories of community: (a) all creation; (b) economic; (c) social; and (d) political.

Copies of the *Social Principles* are available in the entrance to Calvary's Wesley room on the first floor across from the Chapel. They are also available, as are many other resources through which to be guided in study and action, on the website of the United Methodist Church **General Board of Church and Society (GBCS)**.

Given the myriad problems facing our world and nation today, it is through the *Social Principles* and the prophetic voice of the GBCS that we have opportunities as individuals or groups of the United Methodist Church to reflect and have our voices heard on behalf of the teachings and example of Jesus as He guides us into God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministries



Spaghetti DINNER



Donations
gladly
accepted

November 4th from 6 pm–7:30 pm

Calvary UMC Parish Hall

All proceeds will fund
the Youth Mission Trip





Greetings from the Calvary Weekday School!

Fall is in the air! Thanks to all who joined us for our first fundraiser at Chick-fil-A. We have the following fundraisers scheduled for this school year so mark your calendars!

- November 17- Texas Roadhouse from 3 – 9:30 pm
- April 15 – Café Bueno for lunch and dinner
- May 18 – Rita's from 12-4

We will hold our first Coffee Chat on October 6 to train any new volunteers. Each year I am amazed at how many volunteers want to assist at our school. The fire department will visit all classes on October 7th or 10th. Our specials will begin this month consisting of Spanish, Music and Media.

On October 13 join us in wearing pink for Breast Cancer Awareness. As a breast cancer survivor, and for all who have and are currently on this journey, we join together to remind family and friends about the importance of early detection, screening, and support for all those who have been affected.

Crazy Sock Day will be held on October 20 in support of one of our students who has Legg-Calve-Perthes disease. This is a childhood condition that occurs when blood supply to the ball part of the hip joint is temporarily disrupted. It affects 5 in 100,000 kids with boys 5 times more likely to have it than girls. I am happy to report the student has made great strides since last year. One more reason to wear your crazy socks and celebrate his resiliency and determination to overcome the challenges he faced.

Classes are off to the pumpkin patch at the end of the month. Cannot wait to hear about all their adventures!

Patty Lockard, Director



Jump Right In!

Our Holiday Bazaar is November 15. We need your help to set up any day from November 10 through November 14, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. See the Help Wanted sheets in the Welcome Center and sign up for host of any activities, from setting up tables to decorating the North Pole to breaking down after the bazaar!

CALVARY UMC

Holiday BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9 AM TO 3 PM

SANTA'S FIRST STOP!

*Handmade Crafts - Vendors - Bake Sale
Silent Auction - White Elephant Room
Live Music - North Pole - Kids Crafts
Calvary's Famous Cheesballs*

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LUNCHEON SERVED FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM



OCTOBER Birthdays						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Cynthia Burke Thomas Littleton Terre Rhoderick	2 Erica Shipley Bethany Webster	3 Julian Pearce Patricia Pettingall	4 Bob Cannon Gloria Orrison
5 Allison Chapman Carol Fennington Megan Reilly	6 Isam Ballenger	7 Stuart Austin Kay Jacobs	8	9 Jennifer Aud David Colby	10 Ellen Ahr Grace Heller	11 Jacob Leftwich 
12 Brandy Adam Reagan Kinsey Ginger Ward	13 Larry Johnson Charlotte Miller	14 Gracie Mayer Christopher Miller Nance Wilson	15 Sarah Austin Camden Stitely Ian Vega	16 Andrew Keirn Elizabeth Putman Lucas Putman	17 Kayleigh Adam Tom Stokes	18 Andrew Crum Georgia Rigglesman
19 Kevin Davies Jonah Miller	20 Courtney Keirn Melinda Keirn	21 Betsy Bryant Taylor Fox Carla Martz Ryan Mills Carole Proudfoot	22 Thomas Mills Edward Milum	23 Lynn Schumacher Christopher Summers	24 Nancy McLaughlin Kitty Robinson	25 Joan Cooley 
26	27	28 Angela Mayer Samantha Shipley	29 Marla Rowley Barbara Stone	30 Christine Bowersox Rachel Gray Paul Van Sant	31 Happy Halloween	



October

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			6 p.m. Men's Bible Study		6 p.m. Parent's Night Out	
Mission Sunday/ RISE 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. RISE Against Hunger Packing Event 11:15 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 3 p.m. Concert 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	7 p.m. Mission Team Meeting	10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study 1:30 p.m. UMW Ex. Comm. 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	9 a.m. Departure for Strawbridge Trip 6 p.m. Men's Bible Study	5 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 3 p.m. Wedding	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 2 p.m. Walk for WASH	Columbus Day 7 p.m. SHP Team Meeting	6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	6 p.m. Men's Bible Study		1 p.m. Wedding	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Lay Sunday 26	27	28	29	30	31	
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Calvary United Methodist Church seeks and invites all to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and our world.

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